

Kugu Nganhcara language

Kugu-Muminh (Wik-Muminh), also known as Kugu- or **Wik-Nganhcara** (Wikngenchera), is a Paman language spoken on the Cape York Peninsula of Queensland, Australia, by several of the Wik peoples. There are multiple dialects, only two of which are still spoken: Kugu-Muminh itself, and Kugu-Uwanh.

Phonology

Kugu Nganhcara consonant inventory ^[5]

Kugu-Muminh	
Wik-Muminh	
Native to	Australia
Region	Cape York Peninsula, Queensland
Ethnicity	Kugu Nganhcara, Wik liyanh
Native speakers	30 (2005) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Pama–Nyungan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Paman<ul style="list-style-type: none">North Cape York<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wik<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kugu-Muminh</div>
Dialects	<div>Muminh<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uwanh<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mu'inh<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ugbanh<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yi'anh<ul style="list-style-type: none">liyanh</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<div>Variously:<ul style="list-style-type: none">xmh – Kuku-Muminhuwa – Kuku-Uwanhxmq – Kuku-Mangk? (unattested)xmp – Kuku-Mu'inhugb – Kuku-Ugbanhwua – Kugu-Nganhcarawij – Wik-liyanh</div>
Glottolog	kuku1287 (http://glottolog.o

	rg/resource/lan guoid/id/kuku12 87) Kuku ^[2] wikn1246 (htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guoid/id/wikn12 46) Wikngenchera ^[3] wiki1239 (htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guoid/id/wiki12 39) Wik-liyanh ^[4]
AIATSI ^[1]	Y59 (https://co llection.aiatsi s.gov.au/austla ng/language/Y5 9)
Coordinates: 14°4'S 141°43'E	

	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Apico-alveolar</u>	<u>Lamino-dental</u>	<u>Lamino-palatal</u>	<u>Dorso-velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
Voiceless Stop	p	t	th	c	k	'
Voiced Stop	b	d	dh	j	g	
Nasal	m	n	nh	ny	ng	
Lateral		l				
Tap		r				
Glide	w			y		

Kugu Nganhcara vowel inventory^[5]

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i i:	u u:
<u>Mid</u>	e e:	o o:
<u>Low</u>	a a:	

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